is regularly monitoring movement of coal to power utilities so that optimisation of available coal and transport logistics are ensured to reduce the number of power stations under critical category at minimum level. The monthly coal allocations to power stations by Standing Linkage Committee is being reviewed on quarterly basis and suitable changes are made in allocations keeping in view the need of the particular power station. Movement of coal to power stations is also periodically reviewed at the level of Cabinet Secretariat.

I.T. revolution

348. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to allot Rs. 500 crore for IT kiosks in villages in the country;

(b) if so, the details of their action plan; and

(c) the details of the action plan of Government to take the IT revolution to the villages of Orissa State under the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (c) Department of Information Technology is working on a plan to establish 100,000 Common Service Centres across the country by the year 2007. Such Centres would have the flexibility to offer a mix of services (both Government and non-Government including localized services) that may be needed by the local community. Orissa could also be one of the beneficiary States for the CSCs.

Credibility of IT Industry

†349. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.